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*Octopus vulgaris* , (Cuvier, 1797)

 Common octopus



## Size

Usually around 60cm in height and weighs an average of 3 kilos. can be taller and has been found to reach 1,20 cm in females and 1,30 cm in males.



## Habitat

Likes to hide in rocky substrate but can also be found in sandy bottoms up to 150 meters deep. Mimetic abilities allows the octopus to camouflage with its environment. Often builds a shelter in the sand and becomes very protective of its den.



## Origins

Can be found in temperate and tropical waters, in various parts of the world. But is abundant in the Mediterranean Sea, and in the North-East Atlantic... from the Channel to Senegal, passing through the islands of the Azores, the Canaries and Cape Verde.



## Diet

Eats mainly crustaceans (crabs, lobsters) and molluscs (gastropods and marine bivalves), but will eat just about anything it can catch.



## Needs your protection!

The common octopus is heavily fished all over the world and it's population is declining. Unfortunately, its become a popular dish and its ink no longer offers enough protection to escape from predators. Avoid fishing/hunting the octopus during it's breeding season in the summer! In the Calanques National Park, for example, capture is forbidden from June 1 to September 30.

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